

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 471

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

WHEREAS, in recognition of the 225th anniversary of the statehood of the State of Tennessee, it is fitting that we honor the contributions of the indigenous Indian tribes of Tennessee, historically and in modern times; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians has been successful in obtaining reservation status for its land held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the tribe near Henning in Western Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians is the only federally recognized Indian tribe with a reservation in Tennessee, and it works to keep its traditions and language alive in its homeland; the tribe has been a benefit to the surrounding community and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is our hope that the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians prospers and is able to provide its members the cultural and economic resources to thrive; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has recently purchased ancestral lands in the State of Tennessee for cultural and economic development; the tribe has a rich history in Eastern Tennessee, and it is appropriate that we honor the tribe for its efforts to develop its resources for the mutual benefit of the tribe and the citizens of the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the contributions of the Mississippi Band of

Choctaw Indians and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians on the 225th anniversary of the statehood of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.